BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current statute, a director of municipal utility district is entitled to receive fees of office of not more than \$150 a day for each day the director actually spends performing the duties of directors, not to exceed \$6,000 annually, with the exception of directors of certain special water authorities. H.B. 3214 amends the Water Code by increasing the limit on the fees of office that a director of certain general and special law districts may be paid.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 49.060, Water Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Defines "performing the duties of a director."

(a-1) Requires a district, by the resolution of the board of the district (board) to limit the fees of office that a director may receive in a year. Prohibits a district from setting the annual limit at an amount greater than \$7,200, except for a district that is a special water authority engaged in the distribution and sale of electric energy to the public. Deletes text providing that the fees of office may not exceed \$6,000 per annum except for directors of a special water authority.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 49.060(d) regarding (fees of office; reimbursement), Water Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.